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As president of the International Association of Official Human Rights Agencies (IAOHRA), I take great pride in congratulating the Kentucky Commission on Human Rights on its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

As one of our members, you are aware that IAOHRA is a non-profit membership organization with its headquarters in Washington, DC. The primary members are statutory human rights and human relations agencies with authority for enforcing a variety of human and civil rights laws in their respective jurisdictions.

IAOHRA was formed in 1949 in New York, and the Kentucky Commission on Human Rights is one of our oldest, most committed members. The commission has been a leader in civil rights since Kentucky Governor Bert T. Combs signed it into existence on March 21, 1960.

As a former employee of the commission, I recall fondly working diligently with you and others to expand the work of the commission throughout the commonwealth. I am proud of the work that your agency has done over this one-half century.

Our thoughts are with the commission throughout the year as it carries out education and public awareness programs to keep the promise of equality square in the public eye. Again, I bid you congratulations on the accomplishments of this first fifty years, knowing that you will open the doors of justice and equality even further during the next fifty years.

Yours truly,

Leon W. Russell, President  
International Association of  
Official Human Rights Agencies